

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Shelby County 4-H Forestry Team upon winning the 33rd-annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those outstanding young Tennesseans who have evidenced an ongoing commitment to healthy forests and a vibrant forest products industry for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County 4-H Forestry Team recently emerged victorious from the 33rd-annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational, the Super Bowl of 4-H Forestry, to claim the title of National Champions; and

WHEREAS, having already claimed the Tennessee 4-H Forestry Championship, the Shelby County squad next traveled to Weston, West Virginia, to claim the Volunteer State's first national championship since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County and Tennessee were represented by erudite scholars and fierce competitors at the Invitational, all of whom are home-schooled; the Shelby County 4-H Forestry Team includes Hayden Quick of Rosemark, Michael Crenshaw of Rosemark, Amber Joy Cleveland of Germantown, and Emma Osborn of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, competing in both overall team and individual categories, Tennessee also captured the top individual score in addition to winning the team championship; and

WHEREAS, Michael Crenshaw took first place in the individual competition with a 509.5 score out of a possible 550; and

WHEREAS, Amber Cleveland took fourth place (474) and Hayden Quick claimed fifth place (470) in the individual competition; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County team benefited greatly from the leadership, instruction, and example of coach Weida Ringley and assistant coach Gayle Quick; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable young people have combined their diverse skills and worked together to strengthen their bond and win a prestigious national championship, and they should be specially honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Shelby County 4-H Forestry Team upon winning the 33rd-annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational, thereby claiming the 4-H National Forestry Championship. We thank Hayden Quick, Michael Crenshaw, Amber Joy Cleveland, and Emma Osborn and their coaches, Weida Ringley and Gayle Quick, for their dedication, expertise, and sportsmanship while representing Tennessee and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.